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REMARKS

The applicant elects the invention of Species I, described in claims 1 to 14, drawn to a construction panel, classified in class 52.

The applicant does not traverse the categorization of Group I as a distinct invention, and accordingly elects to proceed with the examination of claims 1 to 14 covering that invention. The remaining claims have been cancelled.

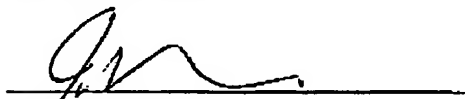
However, to preserve the applicant's entitlement to pursue the cancelled claims in a divisional or continuation application, the applicant traverses the Examiner's categorization of the embodiments shown in Figures 6 to 7, and which are described in paragraphs 39 to 42, as being patentably distinct species of an invention. These claims define different embodiments of the same invention relating to a method of casting a construction panel.

The applicant will address this in detail if the same objection is raised in any divisional or continuation application based hereon.

Favourable consideration and allowance of this application are respectfully requested.

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